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DISHWASHERS

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EP 0 385 877 indicates that the basket is of lattice type and of parallelepipedal shape. Its major lateral face (7) is completely open in order to permit the lateral insertion of the cutlery (6) into the channels (4) provided with small plates (3) for individually holding this cutlery.

JP 6 209892 discloses that to facilitate taking-in/out of a tableware basket and taking-in/out of tableware from the tableware basket by providing a slide mechanism for supporting the tableware basket so as to be movable forward and backward, and an ascending/descending mechanism for supporting the tableware basket so as to be ascendable and descendable between the tableware basket and the wall surface of a washing tank.

DE 3520148 discloses a dish rack for dishwashers having a possibly separable cutlery basket, the cutlery basket is mounted on the dish rack so as to be pivotable about a horizontal axis. This arrangement allows the cutlery to be washed to be placed flat in the cutlery basket without the risk of injury or soiling for the operator of the appliance. The cutlery can be removed in the same manner, thus obviating the need for unhygienic touching of the upper parts of the cutlery, such as knife blades, etc.

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FR 2 821 735 discloses that a dishwasher (25) comprises wire crockery rack (20) sliding inside tub (24) of dishwasher. Cutlery basket (10) is attached to wire crockery rack, and is placed between rack and front door (26) of dishwasher. Basket is attached using hooks that clip onto wire rack. Washer door also includes heating resistances (28, 29) surrounding basket when door is closed.

JP 11267087 (JP3622136 is provided) discloses a dish drier comprising a dish basket 5 detachably contained in a drying chamber 4 in which dishes 6 and a small item containing basket 7 containing small dishes 13 are contained, the small item containing basket 7 is composed of a box body formed of a bottom part of a roughly rectangular form comprizing metal gauze of metal material hard to have rust, and side walls and front and back walls are connected to the bottom part, a frame body is installed on an opening edge of the box body, and a support frame is installed on an outer circumference of the box body.

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